

Maine NRCS Instructions for Preparing Conservation Practice Standards Narratives

Conservation Practice Standard Narratives are brief descriptions of proposed conservation activities that are useful for both NRCS and its clients. The narratives serve as components of several documents, including, but not limited to conservation plans, Conservation Plans of Operation in Toolkit (NRCS-CPA-1155), Conservation Activity Plans (CAPs) (e.g., Forest Management Plans [106] and Conservation Stewardship Program documents.

In Maine, NRCS employees shall use State narratives that are coded **00S** in Customer Service Toolkit and in the Conservation Practice Standards database. These narratives were developed by appending the standard statement on Operations and Maintenance (“Implement and operate this practice according to a design and Operation and Maintenance Plan prepared in accordance with NRCS Standard and Specification Code [No.]”). to the narrative developed by National Headquarters. When appropriate, to give added detail or specifics, the use of customized narratives is encouraged.

Narratives for CAPs do not contain the standard statement on Operations and Maintenance. The National narratives that are coded **00N** are to be used for CAPs. Additional information for CAPs narratives is provided in Maine Instruction 300-387 – Instructions for Planning CAPs on Multiple Land Units in Toolkit and Protracts.

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